



MAGNUS CHASE EPISODE 5

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EPISODE 5: I GO TO MY OWN FUNERAL

EXT. FENWAY PARK - NIGHT

A light snow sprinkles the empty seats. A portal opens behind the dugout. Hearth falls through. Then Magnus. Then Blitz topples them both.

MAGNUS

Are we in the home of the BoSox?

BLITZ

Ah -

Blitz ducks under the bleachers.

MAGNUS

What's wrong?

HEARTH

(sign language)

Sun. Bad for Blitzen.

Blitz's cheeks start to turn grey from the break of dawn.

BLITZ

I need shade.

EXT. FENWAY PARK - DAY

The three sit in the shade of the Green Monster in left field.

BLITZ

I was never with you during the day! How could you not have noticed?

MAGNUS

Well now that you say it - it's like Hearth took the day shift and you took the night.

BLITZ

Sunlight is deadly to dwarves. We're subterranean. That's why I try to cover up. Sunscreen helps. I can stand a little bit of sunlight, but too much and I - petrify.

HEARTH

(sign language)

After bridge, his legs turned to stone. No walking until the night.

INT. FENWAY PARK - GREEN MONSTER - DAY

The three walk through the stadium.

BLITZ

It's not your fault, kid. You saved
our asses and dozens of other
mortals. Including your uncle.

MAGNUS

Is Randolph okay?

HEARTH

(sign language)

Fine.

BLITZ

Thankfully, there was only one
casualty.

Hearth hands Magnus a newspaper clipping. A photo of Magnus
in fifth grade reads: *Untimely demise. Survived by two
uncles and a cousin. Private service to be held.*

BLITZ (CONT'D)

We watched the emergency services
retrieve your body.

MAGNUS

My body? But my body is here.

Hearth squeezes Magnus's bicep.

BLITZ

Your old body. We searched the
river after the coast was clear.
The sword was nowhere to be found.

MAGNUS

Then Surtur must have it.

BLITZ

Let's not assume that. Best case,
it's with your old body.

HEARTH

(sign language)

Magic sword. You claimed it - stays
with you.

BLITZ

We'll have to raid your coffin.

MAGNUS

You want me to go to my own funeral?

HEARTH

(sign language)

We go before.

BLITZ

According to your funeral notice, your body is at the funeral home today for viewing hours. We should have the place to ourselves. It's not like you'll have mourners lining up outside.

MAGNUS

Gee - thanks a lot.

Blitz fits his feet into a pair of boots.

BLITZ

(to Hearth)

I'll talk to our boss and swing by Svartalfheim to grab some proper anti sunlight supplies.

MAGNUS

You're going to the dark elf world?

BLITZ

It's not as complicated as it sounds. Boston is the center of the world tree, Yggdrasil, after all. One time, Hearth and I stepped off a curb in Kendall square and accidentally fell into Niflheim.

HEARTH

(sign language)

That was cold.

Magnus shivers.

MAGNUS

Speaking of cold.

Blitz takes out a familiar pair of pink mittens and hands them to Magnus.

BLITZ

Here - I'll meet you both down on Arlington street. Be careful - this isn't Valhalla.

(MORE)

BLITZ (CONT'D)
I don't want to have to tell our
boss about another Magnus corpse.

EXT. CHARLESGATE STREET - DAY

Magnus and Hearth snag warm clothes from a charity drop box.

MAGNUS
Is this dagger going to be a
problem? I don't want to get us
arrested.

Magnus straps his Valhalla dagger to his waist.

HEARTH
(sign language)
Mortals are not good at seeing
magic. Between fire and ice is
mist. G-i-n-n-u-n-g-a-g-a-p. Hard
to explain in sign.

MAGNUS
Good. Then let's go pay our
respects to me.

EXT. BOSTON STREETS - DAY

Hearth shivers in his leather jacket. His lips are peeling
and cracked. His nose runs. Magnus studies Hearth.

MAGNUS (V.O.)
Elf - huh. Not exactly what I had
in mind.

Magnus taps Hearth's shoulder.

MAGNUS
What's it like - where you're from?

HEARTH
(sign language)
Alfheim not so different. Only
brighter. No night.

MAGNUS
No night time? Like ever?

HEARTH
(sign language)
First time I saw it -

Hearth splays both hands in front of his chest like he's
having a heart attack.

HEARTH
 (sign language)
 Scared.

Magnus smiles.

MAGNUS
 How old are you?

HEARTH
 Human years? Three hundred and ten.

MAGNUS
 Three hundred years old? You look
 great, man!

EXT. TWINING AND SONS MEMORIAL SERVICE - DAY

The funeral home is tucked in a row of town houses. The top
 of the viewing sign reads: *Magnus Chase*.

HEARTH
 (sign language)
 You go inside. I'll stand guard.
 Dead human bodies...

Hearth shakes his head and his shoulders shrivel.

MAGNUS
 What if someone recognizes me?

Hearth plops a baseball cap on Magnus's head.

INT. TWINING AND SONS MEMORIAL SERVICE - DAY

Magnus stands at the chapel doorway. He looks down at a
 guest book sitting on a small table. He grabs the pen and
 writes:

Thanks for coming to my funeral!

- *Magnus*

Magnus tip toes toward a coffin. Inside, his old body's face
 is caked with makeup. His hair shellacked to one side. His
 arms folded under his back to hide the severed hands.

Magnus looks away, grimacing.

MAGNUS (V.O.)
 Oh my -

His nostrils flare.

MAGNUS (V.O.)
No - I have a job to do.

Magnus fishes around the coffin, feeling for the sword.

A VOICE (O.S.)
What're you doing.

Magnus spins around. A familiar girl holds a single flower.
It's ELIZABETH, the girl who lent Magnus the pair of pink
mittens, which he is currently wearing.

ELIZABETH
Those're my mittens.

MAGNUS
Just - organizing the body.

Magnus straightens the tie on dead Magnus.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)
Wow - you look exactly like him.

MAGNUS
Uh - yeah, Magnus is my twin
brother. I'm -
(a beat)
Theodore.

Elizabeth gets uncomfortably close, observing Magnus's face.
She pokes and squeezes his cheek.

ELIZABETH
Hmmm.

MAGNUS
Can I help you with something?

ELIZABETH
Where are your parents? Why would
you let your twin brother live on
the streets?

MAGNUS
That was his decision. Magnus liked
to be alone. And homeless.

ELIZABETH
That's - really dumb.

Elizabeth approaches the coffin and looks at the body. She
places a flower inside.

MAGNUS (CONT'D)
Were you two... close?

ELIZABETH
Not at all. I ran into him on the streets and gave him that pair of mittens you have. I saw him again later that same day. It was during the fire.

EXT. BRIDGE - FLASHBACK

Elizabeth's POV from inside the taxi. Magnus and Surtur clash. Surtur is shrouded in mist, disguising him from mortal eyes. It's like Magnus battles a grey shadow.

ELIZABETH (V.O.)
I think he was fighting something.
I couldn't make a guess to what it was but -

INT. TWINING AND SONS MEMORIAL SERVICE - DAY

ELIZABETH
I'm pretty sure he saved my life.
All of our lives. He was a -

Hearth barges through the front door. His right eye swells with a black ring around it. He signs frantically.

MAGNUS
From the second story?

Magnus looks up.

MAGNUS (CONT'D)
Did they have the sword?

Hearth shakes his head.

HEARTH
(sign language)
Who's that?

MAGNUS
Elizabeth. This's my friend Hearth.
Hearth - Elizabeth.

Elizabeth waves cutely.

MAGNUS
Did you see who attacked you?

Hearth beckons Magnus to follow him.

EXT. ARLINGTON STREET - DAY

Blitz leans against a stop light wearing a wide brim hat, jacket, ski mask, sunglasses, and leather gloves. He carries a bowling ball bag.

Magnus and Hearth bound down the road. They halt. Hearth catches his breath.

BLITZ

Wow - wow - what happened to your eye?

MAGNUS

Somebody jumped him. We didn't find the sword.

Hearth claps for their attention.

HEARTH

(sign language)

You brought HIM?

Blitz lifts the bowling ball bag.

BLITZ

Yep, Capo's orders.

MAGNUS

We lost the culprit. Any idea where they'd be going next?

BLITZ

Well if they checked out your body at the funeral home -

MAGNUS

Can you please not phrase it like that?

BLITZ

They're probably headed to the bridge.

HEARTH

(sign language)

It was a girl.

BLITZ

Her?

Elizabeth jogs behind them.

MAGNUS
No - she's with me.

ELIZABETH
You guys are fast! I can barely
keep up.

HEARTH
(sign language)
There!

Hearth points. Across Boylston, a girl wearing a brown pea coat and green head scarf walks at a brisk pace.

MAGNUS
I've seen that scarf before.

It's Sam, the ex-Valkyrie.

EXT. BOSTON STREETS - DAY

Sam sprints downstream on a jogging trail. Magnus, Elizabeth, Hearth and Blitz race after her down a spiral staircase.

BLITZ
Best case scenario, the Valkyries
sent her.

MAGNUS
She was kicked out.

HEARTH
(sign language)
Wish I had a bow, I could have shot
her.

EXT. RIVERBANK - DAY

The group exit the staircase. Blitz limps, standing behind the shadow of a tree.

MAGNUS
You alright?

BLITZ
Don't worry. Legs are still a
little stiff.

MAGNUS
You mean petrified? That's
something you should mention.

ELIZABETH
Petrified? Like turned to stone?

HEARTH
(sign language)
We're going to lose her!

Magnus closes his eyes. He focuses on the river current. His vision travels downstream until he reaches a riverbed. The water is grey and stagnant.

BLITZ (O.S.)
I know - but we already checked the river. It's a waste of time!
(a beat)
No we couldn't have missed it! I snorkeled across the entire riverbed.

Magnus opens his eyes.

MAGNUS
The sword isn't there.

HEARTH
(sign language)
How do you know?

MAGNUS
Not sure. My gut. It's like when you rattle a can and there's nothing inside. The coffin felt the same way.

BLITZ
I don't suppose you could point us to where it should be rattling.

SFX. Footsteps sprinting in grass.

SAM (O.S.)
That would be nice.

Sam drop kicks Magnus in the chest and propels him backward into a tree. His lungs implode.

Sam swings her axe horizontally. Blitz pushes Elizabeth out of the way. Hearth ducks and spills a bag of runs. Sam swings her axe down at Hearth's head.

MAGNUS
Stop!

Hearth grabs a runestone and squeezes it. A blue shield encompasses him like an egg, blocking Sam's axe. Hearth grapples her, but Sam judo flips him onto his back.

Blitz guards Elizabeth. His hat tilts sideways. His ski mask is knocked off and his face begins petrifying.

BLITZ

AHHH - damn sun -

Sam hefts her axe, ready to cut him down. Magnus unsheathes his dagger and sends it spinning like a frisbee. It knocks the axe out of Sam's hand and slices her temple.

SAM

What the Hellheim?

MAGNUS

You started it!

Hearth grabs Sam's ankle. She kicks Hearth in the gut.

MAGNUS (CONT'D)

Quit kicking my friend!

Sam pulls back her headscarf. Black hair sweeps over her shoulders.

SAM

If I had my full powers, I'd rip the soul from your body, Magnus Chase.

ELIZABETH

Magnus -

MAGNUS

You told me to come find you. What's with the cold welcome? I thought we could help each other?

BLITZ

Help her? My face is a chunk of quartz because of her!

Hearth signs while lying flat on his back.

HEARTH

(sign language)

Somebody please kill her.

SAM

What's he doing? Is he making rude elf gestures at me?

ELIZABETH
He wants us to kill you.

Magnus turns to Elizabeth.

MAGNUS
You know sign language?

ELIZABETH
Duh.

BLITZ
Alf sign language.

Sam retrieves her axe and Magnus's sword. Magnus raises both hands, surrendering.

MAGNUS
Can we call a truce and talk it out? We can always go back to killing each other later.

SAM
It wouldn't be much of a fight.

BLITZ
I'll have you know Hearth is an excellent rune caster. And as for me - I have many skills, Valkyrie.

SAM
For instance?

BLITZ
I could fix your disgraceful outfit. Nobody wears a brown pea coat with a green head scarf.

SAM
A dwarf in a ski mask and sunglasses is giving me fashion advice.

Blitz fumes.

BLITZ
I have daylight issues!

MAGNUS
Look, we all want to find the sword, right? Keep it away from Surtur.

SAM
Assuming he doesn't already have
it.

BLITZ
That's what the Capo's here for.

Blitz picks up the bowling bag.

SAM
What's in the bag?

Hearth makes a claw with his hand and taps his shoulder
twice.

HEARTH
(sign language)
Boss.

EXT. RIVERBANK - DAY

The group approaches the edge of the river. Blitz unzips the
bowling bag.

SAM
Is that human hair?

Blitz tosses a spherical object into the water with a KER -
PLUNK!

BLITZ
Hair - yes. Human - no.

The object sinks and quickly surfaces. A beheaded man's face
bobs on the surface. The face is shriveled like an old apple
with a bottom row of crooked teeth.

SAM
You work for him?

Water swirls. The man's face inflates and his skin turns
pink. His eyes flutter open.

MIMIR
(coughing)
Man - I hate -

Mimir coughs. His ears, nose and tear ducts spew water.

MIMIR (CONT'D)
I hate traveling in that bag.

SAM
Lord Mimir, you honor us.

Sam kneels down. Everyone else stands.

BLITZ

Sorry, Capo - it was either that or the fish tank. And the tank breaks easily.

MIMIR

Son of Frey, I've come a long way to speak with you -
(coughs water)
Hope you appreciate it.

MAGNUS

Should I know you?

MIMIR

I am Mimir! God of wisdom and knowledge! You should be bowing at my - nevermind - forget it. Where was I?

MAGNUS

Did my father have something to do with you? Is that why you're upset?

MIMIR

I'm not upset. You'll know when I get upset.

MAGNUS (V.O.)

Maybe he'll gurgle more menacingly.

MIMIR

Though, your father was part of the reason I lost my head! I was once mighty among the Aesir. As a truce to end the war between us and the Vanir, the two godly tribes exchanged hostages. Your father and his father, Njord, came to live in Asgard. The god Honir and I were sent to Vanaheim.

MAGNUS

I'm guessing that didn't go well.

Sam punches Magnus in the shoulder.

MIMIR

Your father made me look terrible! He was the great general of the Vanir, all shiny and handsome.
(MORE)

MIMIR (CONT'D)

I wasn't worthy counsel, so as a protest, they cut off my head and sent it to Odin.

SAM

And now the Aesir and Vanir respect your counsel. Magnus didn't mean to offend you.

Sam glares at Magnus.

MIMIR

Yes. Thanks to Odin, I was carried to a hidden cave in Jotunheim where a mystical spring feeds into the roots of Yggdrasil.

Hearth motions with his fingers straight and his thumb down. He makes the 'Blah Blah' gesture, indicating they've heard the story hundreds of times.

MIMIR (CONT'D)

He placed my head into the well, bringing me back to life, and increasing my wisdom a thousand fold!

MAGNUS

And now you're a severed head.

MIMIR

It's not so bad. I can operate across the Nine worlds and guard the well of knowledge. Sometimes I let travelers drink from the well, but not without a price.

Blitz and Hearth stiffen up.

MAGNUS

So - great and well connected Mimir, where can we find the sword?

MIMIR

I can't tell you.

MAGNUS

Wonderful.

Mimir spits out a minnow.

MIMIR

I have two words for you. Fenris
wolf. Tell me, son of Frey - what
do you know of him?

BLITZ

Fenris...

MAGNUS

What's a Fenris wolf?

BLITZ

Fenris - the wolf. Every dwarf
knows him.

MIMIR

Surtur plans to free him.

BLITZ

That's impossible. Unless the rope
-

HEARTH

(sign language)

Frey's sword.

MIMIR

You must find the sword. The island
that imprisons Fenris is only
accessible during the first full
moon of each year, which is seven
days hence.

MAGNUS

Okay - who makes up these rules?

MIMIR

I DO!

SAM

Lord Mimir - I understand
retrieving the sword, but wouldn't
it be rash to take it to the
island? Isn't that what Surtur
wants?

MIMIR

The lord of Muspellheim will find a
way to free the wolf regardless.
See - this is why I'm the boss and
you're not. I did mention I can see
the future, right?

Mimir's head angrily bounces creating small ripples.

MIMIR (CONT'D)
Now I have one last task to
complete here.

Mimir's head shifts like an oversized bobber, peering toward Elizabeth. She looks directly at Mimir. From her mortal POV, she sees a flopping fish.

ELIZABETH
Can all fish talk?

MIMIR
I will grant this mortal a drink
from the well of knowledge.

Blitz and Hearth suddenly put themselves between Mimir and Elizabeth.

BLITZ
Wow - wow - wow. Absolutely not.

HEARTH
(sing language)
NO!

MIMIR
Free of charge.

Hearth pokes Blitz and signs.

HEARTH
(sign language)
Did he say - for free?

MAGNUS
What happens if you drink from the
well?

BLITZ
Normally, you're given a choice of
payment. Odin gave his eye in
exchange for a drink. But this is
unique.

MIMIR
I will bestow her the ability to
see past the mist, among other
magic perks. The decision is hers.

All eyes turn to Elizabeth.

ELIZABETH
I don't understand -

SAM
That's the offer. If you accept,
you'll be able to understand.

A beat of contemplation. Mimir blow bubbles in the water.

MIMIR
I don't have all day!

MAGNUS
No - she's not interested. We're
not dragging her into a dangerous
mission. She has a home - and a
family -

ELIZABETH
Magnus.

Magnus turns to her.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)
So you are Magnus - aren't you?

Elizabeth turns to Mimir.

ELIZABETH (CONT'D)
Then I accept.

MIMIR
Good, follow me.

The god's head swirls and spirals downward, creating a
whirlpool. Elizabeth jumps in, getting flushed.

INT. MIMMISBRUNNR - NIGHT

Bubbles hit the surface of dark water. Elizabeth breaks the
surface and slicks back her hair.

MIMIR (O.S.)
Mimmisbrunnr. The well of
knowledge.

An ancient stone well is carved in the shape of an eye. The
contents glow faintly green. Mimir's old shield and spear
lie close.

Elizabeth trudges through the water, her clothes drip. She
leans over the well. Green rays illuminate her skin.

MIMIR (O.S.)
Drink up.

EXT. RIVERBANK - DAY

SAM

Mimir. I should've known he was involved in this.

BLITZ

The Capo is on our side, don't worry.

Sam laughs.

SAM

I suppose you two work for him of your own free will then! You didn't drink from the well and pay a price?

Blitz and Hearth look down.

SAM (CONT'D)

Thought so. You two must be jealous. Favoritism shown for a mortal.

Elizabeth emerges from the river and clings to pier.

MAGNUS

Here - grab hold.

Magnus lifts her entire bodyweight with ease. She shivers, but her expression is calm.

MAGNUS

How do you feel?

Elizabeth looks up at Magnus. Her eyes glow a new color of bright green.

THE END